

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18, and 19 are now present in this case. Claims 1, 4, and 7-9, are amended. Claim 3 is canceled. Claims 11-16, 18, and 19 are allowed.

The Examiner is kindly thanked for his allowance of claims 11-16, 18, and 19 and for his further indication that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and that claims 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claim 1 and dependent claim 2 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner had indicated that claim 8 would be allowable in independent form. Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the language of claim 3 and is now in condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 and dependent claims 4-7 are now in condition for allowance.

Similarly, claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the language of claim 3 and is now in condition for allowance. Claim 10, which depends from claim 9, is also in condition for allowance.

The applicant has made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

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